

DANIELS DECEIVING PEOPLE, SAYS MEYER

Former Secretary Charges That He Has Demoralized the Navy.

CLAIMS CREDIT NOT HIS

Successor Assumes Personal Ownership of Service Attitude, He Asserts.

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Secretary of the Navy in the Taft Administration.

During the campaign in Maine, which was the naval place, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, has been according to his custom, making from the gunnery testing and practice statements in answer to Mr. Gardner's queries. He has also taken credit for actions to which he has no claim.

For instance, in his speech of August 25 at Millidge, Me., he said: "Mr. Gardner and, thanks to his propaganda, all the world, know that owing to Secretary Meyer's parsimony and lack of vision of the navy, the element of target practice was discontinued and our gunnery practice did fall lamentably. Mr. Gardner should know, if he is serious in his investigations, that it has improved since I (Daniels) restored the elementary practice."

Now, Mr. Daniels should have known about the mistake of his frequent misinformation—that elementary target practice was restored by Secretary Meyer in September 1912.

Testimony to that effect appears in Capt. Sims' evidence before the House Committee on Naval Affairs March 19, 1913, in his letter to Secretary Daniels dated Jan. 1, 1914: "I wish to make it entirely clear that the mistake of abolishing the short range practice was due exclusively to naval officers. It had nothing to do with the administration of the Navy Department at that time. The Navy Department acted upon the advice of a limited number of officers, and these officers made the mistake above referred to."

Admiral Mayo Confirms It.

Admiral Mayo, in his letter to the Secretary of the Navy, stated:

"In 1911, no elementary practice was held; that is, no practice at short range. The practice was omitted because many officers thought it was a waste of ammunition to fire at such ranges."

The effect of the omission of the short range practice for the year was noted at once, and the practice resumed in 1912."

A Matter of Parsimony of Secretary Meyer.

Mr. Meyer, which Mr. Daniels refers to, the Secretary does not remember, but Mr. Daniels knew when he made his statement that it was not my parsimony, but that of the Democratic party, which had gained control of the House in the mid-term election.

Now as to my lack of conception of the navy. Throughout my administration I publicly stated before Congress and in the press that "the fleet was the navy and the aim of the department would be preparedness and the military efficiency of the fleet."

Now let us see as to Mr. Daniels' conception of the navy. One of his first statements was, "It is my ambition to make the navy a great university." He thereupon issued an order establishing a grammar school for every sailor, and a library at the expense of the country, holding entirely that every detail of training that does not tend to prepare the personnel for actual battle conditions and any part of the material that cannot be used in action must be eliminated, and that battle efficiency is the most necessary object of the training of the personnel in the navy.

Attitude of Ownership.

In fact, he has assumed an attitude of personal ownership toward the service to which many of his errors can be traced, and has failed to grasp the importance of leaving technical details to technical men.

In its target practice Mr. Daniels has endeavored to deceive the public as to the number of actual hits, by enlarging the target from an actual ninety feet to an imaginary 600 feet—the length of a battleship—and including the photographs hit within that area. As that has not been done heretofore it is impossible to make any comparison with former records.

In 1913 \$1,000,000 was appropriated for aircraft, but Mr. Daniels did nothing for the development of aerial battleships, or anything that could be accomplished in the past two years to be exceedingly with former records.

We are lamentably behind as compared with other countries, yet there is the future aerial warfare. The objective point with us could be the Panama Canal. That temporarily blocked or destroyed would compel any United States fleet to round Cape Horn to reach the other side.

Our navy has been suddenly aroused by public sentiment and recent naval contests, and authorized a building programme which transcends anything ever done before.

There remains much to be done in legislation in the way of personnel, and the establishment of a national council of defence and a general staff equivalent to the power and duties of a general staff in England and Germany. All possible enemies are now far away, but a few years go by the overseas attacks become easier and easier.

There is no problem can exceed the value of the United States navy as a line of defence.

But what then?

POLICEMAN HERO AT FIRE.

Guides Trapped Man Along High Ledge to Safety.

Several thousand persons witnessed a burning scene yesterday by Patrolman Patrick Kearns of the East Twenty-second street police station in a fire at 324 East Twentieth street. Louis Schmidt, a stationary fireman, was trapped on the third floor.

Hearses and two other men rushed to the roof, but the addition of the patrolman climbed on their shoulders and reached a projecting ledge on the burning building. He made his way along the ledge, dragged Schmidt out of the window, and then guided him along the ledge to safety.

The crowd cheered as the patrolman reached the street with the rescued man.

MACY APPEAL ON DEC. 4.

Supreme Court of U. S. to Review Vitrolas Sales Price Case.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Supreme Court of the United States will hear arguments on December 4 in the litigation between R. H. Macy & Co. of New York and the Victor Talking Machine Company.

The Circuit Court of Appeals decided several months ago that the Macy company could not sell Vitrolas at less than list prices, but Edmund D. Wise, counsel for the store, petitioned for and obtained a review of the case in the highest court.

It will be two years from time of authorisation before they are completed, and two

WANTS GARBAGE EXPERTS.

Van Name Moves Venue Change in Big Damage Suits.

Calvin D. Van Name, Borough President of Richmond, who was sued in the First Judicial District by the Metropolitan Products Company in two actions demanding \$300,000 and \$100,000 for the efforts made by him and others

to prevent the erection of a garbage refining plant on Staten Island, applied in the Supreme Court yesterday for a change of venue to the Second District. Van Name, through Francis F. Lehman, his attorney, expressed the conviction that since Staten Island has been fixed as the place where the residents of the borough are best qualified to act as a jury in this dispute.

The matter was set down for a hearing to-morrow in Part I, Special Term,

BIRD S. COLER EXONERATED.

No Felonious Intent in Registering From Unfinished House.

Bird S. Coler, former Borough President of Brooklyn, City Comptroller and Democratic candidate for Governor, was exonerated yesterday by Magistrate Gelmar of "felonious intent" in registering from an unfinished apartment

house at 176 New York avenue, Brooklyn.

Mr. Coler said his old home had been demolished in June, but that two floors of the new apartment house were to be so constructed for his use. The old telephone number was to be retained.

Assistant Attorney-General Amsel, who prosecuted the case, said he would appeal, but Magistrate Gelmar informed the Assistant Attorney-General that the

ruling, in his opinion, was final, but suggested that Amsel could prevent Mr. Coler from voting.

"Mr. Coler will not vote," Mr. Amsel remarked, but Coler's attorney, A. I. Nova, said Coler would cast his ballot.

Coler is to reentering politics, Mr. Coler said later:

"With this kind of reform, an association for any citizen, I most certainly will, and you may say for me that we are going to put it all over this brand of reform next year."

ONLY TWO PARALYSIS DEATHS.

Seven New Cases, but Mortality Figures Take Big Drop.

Seven new cases of infantile paralysis and two deaths were reported yesterday by the Health Department. The new cases were the number 40 on Tuesday, but the deaths were nine fewer.

Cases reported since the beginning of the epidemic total 9,223 and deaths 2,375.

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